

In the claims

1. (Currently Amended) A device for extracting an arrow from a surface, the arrow including a head and shaft, said device comprising:

a plate;

a shelf extending from said plate, said shelf presenting a longitudinally extending flat surface ~~said shelf~~ adapted to bear along a longitudinal portion of an arrow shaft positioned thereon;

a block slidably mounted to said plate in a path having a first and second position(s), said block presenting a longitudinally extending flat surface parallel to said shelf, said block surface adapted to bear along a longitudinal portion of the arrow shaft at said second position opposite said parallel shelf surface, said block surface at said first position, displaced from said shelf surface and the arrow shaft thereon and a at said second position is at a lateral and longitudinal displacements relative to said shelf surface to present a locked bearing relationship against the arrow shaft on said shelf, the arrow shaft clamped at a plurality of points [between] therealong by said block flat surface and said parallel shelf flat surface at said second position;

a handle extending from said plate, said handle adapted for grasping by a user; and positioned whereupon a pulling by a user ~~force~~ on said handle ~~extracts~~ directs a force along a length of the clamped arrow shaft for extraction from the embedded surface;

said block movable to said first position to release the clamped arrow.

2. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said handle includes an imaginary axis generally positioned relative to a central, longitudinal axis of the clamped arrow shaft, wherein a said pulling force ~~on~~ said handle ~~presents a similar pulling force~~ is generally directed along ~~the~~ said axis of the clamped arrow shaft.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising:
a slot in said block;
a post extending from said plate and into said slot, said block slidably movable along said post whereby to define said path of said block surface between said first and second positions.

5. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 4 wherein said slot is in a generally acute angular position relative to said shelf, whereby said path of said block between said first and second positions relative to said shelf is in a generally longitudinal displacement and a diminishing lateral displacements relative to said shelf whereby to provide said clamping of the arrow shaft between said block and said shelf at said second position.

6. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said block path provides a friction fit engagement of said block flat surface with the arrow shaft at said second position to provide said locked bearing relationship and preclude movement of said block towards said first position.

7. (Traversed subject to restriction requirement).

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15. (Traversed subject to restriction requirement).

16. (Currently Amended) A device for extracting an arrow from a surface, the arrow including a head and shaft, said device comprising:

a plate;

a first clamping surface [extending from] mounted to said plate, said first clamping surface presenting a longitudinally extending flat surface adapted to bear along a length of the arrow shaft;

a second flat longitudinally extending clamping surface mounted to said plate and parallel to said first clamping surface, said second clamping surface presenting a longitudinally extending flat surface and adapted to bear along a length of the arrow shaft opposite said first clamping surface in a parallel relationship thereto, at least one of said surfaces having a first position displaced from the first other clamping surface for placement of an arrow shaft therebetween[,] ~~said second clamping surface having~~ and a second position urging [the] ~~second~~ said at least one clamping surface towards the first other clamping surface and towards an end of the arrow shaft, the arrow shaft at said second position clamped by said flat surfaces at a plurality of points between said first clamping surface and said second clamping surface at said second position, at least said ~~second~~ one of said clamping surfaces at said second position in a friction fit with the arrow shaft, whereby to [maintain] lock at least said one of said clamping surfaces at said second position against the arrow shelf, a pulling force on said plate transmitted to extracting the clamped arrow for extraction from a penetrated surface.

17. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 16 further comprising a handle extending from said plate, wherein a pulling force on said handle directs a similar pulling force on said plate and ~~presents similar forces~~ along the clamped arrow shaft.

18. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 17 wherein said handle extends from said plate at a position whereby a straight line pulling force on said handle [transmits motions] is directed in a generally similar straight line motion along the clamped arrow shaft.

19. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 16 further comprising:

a slot in ~~each~~ at least one of said clamping surfaces;

a post extending from said plate and into ~~each~~ said at least one said slot, ~~each~~ said at least one said slot slidably movable along a respective post whereby to define said path of said at least one clamping surfaces between said first and second positions.

20. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 19 wherein ~~each~~ said at least one slot of said at least one clamping surface is in a generally acute angular position relative to said other clamping surface, whereby said path of ~~each~~ said at least one clamping surface between said first and second positions is in [a] generally longitudinal and lateral [path] displacements relative to ~~the~~ said other clamping surface and the arrow shaft therebetween.